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IN HIS SPEECH COMMEMORATING TURKEY'S DECISIVE VICTORY
OVER GREEK INVADERS IN 1922, PRESIDENT KORUTURK, WHILE DWELLING
ON TURKEY'S CONTINUED DETERMINATION TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST
BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC THREATS, EMPHASIZED THAT TURKEY
HAD NEVER HAD ANY DESIRE TO DISTURB WORLD PEACE. MOST DAILIES
HIGHLIGHTED EITHER HIS STATEMENT THAT TURKEY WOULD PROTECT
HER PLACE AS "THE STRONGEST ELEMENT IN PEACE AND BALANCE IN
THE MIDDLE EASTERN REGION" OR HIS DECLARATION THAT "AS LONG
AS NO SUSPICION IS CREATED OF AN ATTACK ON HER RIGHTS AND HER
SECURITY, THERE IS NO CONCEIVABLE REASON FOR TURKEY TO DISTURB
THE PEACE."

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